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OUR IMMEDIATE FUNDING NEEDS
at the Primary School

$ 45,000 Balance due for the third staff-housing block
$ 11,000 Fire safety items
$ 3,800 Expand solar capacity for computer lab
$ 13,000 Fence new sports field

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Average TUITION AID 2013 school year

Sacred Heart Primary School - $625
Kalungu High School - $650

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Fall 2012

TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Sacred Heart Primary School
Kyamusansala Hill, Uganda
Founded 2003

Society of the Sacred Heart
Uganda-Kenya Province

Whether you have journeyed with us for three, six, nine, even twelve years, or are new to our story, rejoice with us as we celebrate Sacred Heart Primary School's amazing journey from a simple plot of land to a thriving education endeavor for 530 girls.



In 2000 The RSCJ dream to build a Sacred Heart school in rural Uganda begins to take tangible shape when a groundbreaking ceremony is held on donated land on Kyamusansala Hill. A dear Priest friend gave the Sisters this property for a school because he believed in the RSCJ educational mission to those most in need. Over the next two years fundraising and friend-raising efforts begin with vigor.

By 2003 The residential village school opens with 85 students in grades 1-3, teachers, RSCJ administration, all living and working within one school building. Within another three years the enrollment rises to 345 in Grades 1-6. Solar panels from Sacred Heart Network of schools in Europe are installed in one building. The school's farming component begins in earnest. The first floor of a new multi-purpose building is completed which provides space for the student dining, assemblies and liturgies as well as kitchen and food storage areas.

By 2006 Tuition aid for 110 students. Fourteen large water tanks installed thanks to the USA Sacred Heart Network of Schools. Second floor of multi-purpose building is completed. Sewing program begins with matching gifts from USA and local Ugandan families. 345 students living and attending classes in the two functional buildings. Separate housing for the Sisters provided and one set of staff housing units completed.



By 2009. 441 students with all seven grades now functioning. Graduating classes continue to score excellent results on the national examinations. The school receives early government accreditation.



By 2011 First group of Sacred Heart Primary graduates attends our RSCJ-led Kalungu high school nearby as part of the extended Tuition Aid Program. Blessing of the long awaited classroom block. 100% of our graduates are attending high school (the national average for Ugandan village girls is 35%). Our Primary Seven graduates test out in the national exams as 4th in the country and 2nd in the District. Construction of an underground water reservoir completed. Gift of adjoining land for a much needed sports field for our residential school with 530 student population.

Sr. Cullen, Director of the USA based Mission Support Office for the Uganda Kenya Province, attended the 2000 AASH national meeting in San Francisco and announced their plans for the newest Sacred Heart School in Africa. She predicted then that within a decade there would be new Alumnae joining the Sacred Heart world–wide family. Her forecast came true.
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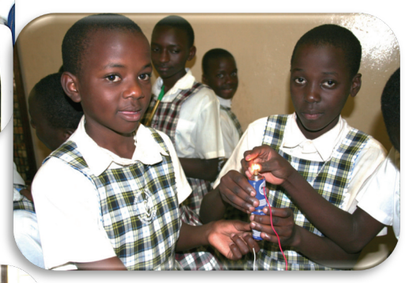


Sr. Annet Nankusu, Head Mistress, gives a sewing lesson. Every young girl receives the opportunity to learn skills that can well become a practical way in her young adulthood to help support her family.













Reading is always a favorite time for our students as is being involved in music, sports, learning new things but so is just hanging out with friends.



Sacred Heart friendships, built during this very precious time, are bonds forever.

2012 PROGRESS REPORT

- Primary school year begins with 530 Students, One through Seven grades. Tuition Aid remains stable at 25% which allows us to continue providing a solid education to the vulnerable and orphaned girls from near by villages as well as to refugees.
- Completion of our spring water back up system to complement the water harvesting tanks given by USA Sacred Heart Network of Schools in 2007-08.
- Significant upgrade of the computer lab and program.
- Completion of the 2nd staff-housing unit & laying of foundation for the 3rd staff-housing block.

THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS IN MISSION

GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL NO LONGER JUST A PIPE DREAM

As we have shared before only about 35% of Ugandan village primary students go on to high school. At our Sacred Heart Primary School the rate is 100%. This photo shows the group that has gone on to our nearby RSCJ run Kalungu high school. Those in blue are in Senior One through Senior Four classes. Last year some completed Senior 4, passed their examinations and chose to go to professional training programs such as Nursing, Teaching, Accounting. Those in red uniforms are in Senior 5 and October 2013 as Senior 6 students they will sit for their University entrance examinations.





Kalungu student population is around 360 including a handful from Rwanda, Tanzania. Also nine students from the tragic war torn northwest Uganda are now with us. They are orphans and have lost their immediate families through violence. Thanks to new Tuition Aid donors we will be able to keep them at Kalungu until they graduate. They feel Kalungu is their new home and they contribute so much to the school spirit.

An energetic group has formed a bead-making club. The funds raised are for special emergency situations when students suddenly lose parents or guardians and school fees are no longer available. The funds raised will help to keep these young women in school with us. Several USA Network schools are selling the beads with great delight to the buyers and the Kalungu students.

